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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 639  
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A RESOLUTION to honor Mr. Joseph Partridge, Sr. of Hamilton County.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee should honor those estimable persons who, through their professional and personal endeavors, are credits to their respective families, their communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Mr. Joseph Partridge, Sr., of Hamilton County, whose outstanding public service through years of hard work, diligence, and dedication has distinguished him as an invaluable servant of our great State; and

WHEREAS, a man of great entrepreneurial spirit, Mr. Partridge opened his first restaurant in 1957 on Hamilton County's Hancock Road; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, Mr. Partridge moved his thriving business from the Alton Park Community to M. L. King Boulevard; this astute businessman accomplished his lifelong goal in 1981 with the construction of a thirty-one-room hotel adjacent to his restaurant; and

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WHEREAS, an active part of the Chattanooga community, Mr. Partridge serves on the Tourist Development Agency Board and is a charter member of the M. L. King Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, he is the Past Master of the Phoenix Lodge and is a 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Mason; Mr. Partridge has also served as the Past Potentate of the Hyksos Temple; and

WHEREAS, a devout member of the Second Missionary Baptist Church, Mr. Joseph Partridge, Sr. serves his Lord and Savior as a Trustee of the Church and as a member of the Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, always endeavoring to make a difference in the community in which he lives, Mr. Partridge has demonstrated the remarkable ability to motivate others in reaching their fullest potential, winning the respect and admiration of all those who have come to know him over the years; and

WHEREAS, seldom does a gentleman of Mr. Partridge's stature walk among us, and it is most appropriate that we should specially recognize his life of purpose and commitment to the greater good of his community and this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and recognize an exemplary Tennessean, Mr. Joseph Partridge, Sr., for his dedication to the citizens of this State, as we salute his outstanding character, his entrepreneurial spirit, and his many good works and accomplishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Mr. Partridge our best wishes for good health and for every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.